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CAMPAIGN '96: BATTLE OVER CAMPAIGN REFORM.

Editor's note: There's a chance that voters may face three(3) different ballot measures --- all dealing with ***campaign finance reform***. Here's CALPEEK's brief update & analysis...

...Already qualified for the Nov. 5th ballot is the *Calif. Political Reform Initiative*, sponsored by Californians for Political Reform, with HQs in Sacto & L.A. ☎ (916)444-0834 & (310)475-8285. This is a coalition of some powerful groups: Common Cause, United We Stand, AARP, League of Women Voters and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. And CPR isn't wasting time getting organized. Ken Masterton has been hired as the overall cmp. mgr.; with Don Fields handling media; Fairbank Maslin Maullin on polling; and Jack Nicholl on fundraising...

...Competing head-on with CPR will be CALPIRG's (CA Public Interest Research Group) *Anti-Corruption Act of 1996* --- with the official committee going under the name of Californians Against Political Corruption, with HQs in L.A. & Sacto. ☎ (310)397-5270 and (916)448-4516. This initiative officially qualified for the fall ballot this past Wednesday, June 5. Wendy Wendlandt is the campaign manager, but the campaign has not as yet hired a tv/media consultant. Sources say CALPIRG's budget will be about $1.2 million and will be grassroots oriented. Slates/radio, but not much tv...

...A third campaign finance reform measure is still making its way in the CA Legislature - AB 3027, which is being carried by Assemblyman James Rogan(R-Glendale) and is being sponsored by Sec. of State Bill Jones. It's too early to telling if this measure will make the Nov. 5th ballot, but it's certainly possible...

...Although *both initiatives* share some common goals and ground, there are differences and it's obvious from early discussions with both groups, they *aren't* going to get along. In fact, CPR sources are quick to note that CALPIRG'S measure contains a ***poison pill clause***. In general, the CALPIRG measure seems more restrictive and imposes tighter spending & contribution limits. This isn't necessary a good thing, given the realities of campaign management costs in today's world. In addition, the CALPIRG measure requires candidates to raise 75% of their funds from inside the candidate's own district. Some sources say this is not only unreasonable, but probably unconstitutional as well. But both initiatives go further than the reforms pushed by the Jones/Rogan legislation, which some sources view as a more *modest yet reasonable* approach to this touchy public policy issue...

...FYI: There is no opposition campaign as yet, but the S.F.-base PBN Company is trying to form some kind of coalition to battle these measures. Stay tuned...

CALIF.'S REFORM PARTY: WILL THIS NEW PARTY SUPPORT SOMEONE OTHER THAN ROSS PEROT???

Editor's note: CA's new Reform Party held its first statewide conference this past June 1-2 in L.A. This meeting drew between 800-1,000 Calif. RP loyalists. Here is CALPEEK's report & analysis...

...Maybe it was the presence of billionaire Ross Perot, the *perhaps-I-will-perhaps-I-won't* be a presidential candidate in '96, and former Colorado Gov. Dick Lamm(D), but the political news media turned out to cover this gathering of CA's Reform Party. And for a first effort, you have to give RP Chair Michael Farris and Vice Chair Mark Sturdevant some credit...

...Lamm was the keynote speaker in the a.m. session on the first day. Not *Mister Excitement*. He reminds some of Paul Tsongas - one of Pres. Bill Clinton's chief

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primary rivals in 1992. All academia and bad news, with zero on the charisma. Lamm might be interested in running for president under the Reform Party banner, but the bigger question is whether rank-and-file RP members are ready for Lamm. Believe it or not, there is a Friends of Gov. Lamm HQ in the S.F. Bay area ☎(415)562-1828. This group distributed a booklet called *Richard Lamm - a former three term Governor speaks out for America's hard choices*. Interesting reading...

...The former Colorado governor is a big deficit hawk and favors limits on immigration --- and these issues have appeal to RP members. But his call for slashing social security *colas*, his strong pro-environmental stand and his liberal views on other social issues (abortion) may be out of step with the RP. And then there's the question of Perot. Is Perot willing to step aside? Remember, the Reform Party was built with Perot's money and there's lots of loyalty toward this Texan. Would Lamm take the VP spot on a Perot ticket? Interesting question...

...FYI: While Republicans continually say that Perot's presence on the '96 ballot would hurt GOPer Bob Dole, Clinton advisor James Carville (appearing on C-SPAN 6/4) doesn't buy that at all. He thinks Perot drains votes from Clinton. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: THREE MORE MEASURES QUALIFY FOR CALIFORNIA'S NOVEMBER 5 BALLOT.

Editor's note: There are now six(6) initiatives on CA's Nov. 5th ballot --- and that doesn't include measures that the CA Legislature may put on. It's going to be a very crowded ballot. Here's our update...

❖ ***Qualified & ON the Ballot*** - **1)** Attorney Fees (Consumer Attorneys I); **2)** Campaign Reform (CPR); **3)** CCRI; **4)** Minimum Wage; **5)** Campaign Reform (CALPIRG); and **6)** Securities Fraud (Lerach)...

❖ ***Still Being Counted*** - 7) Health Care I (SEIU); **8)** Health Care II (CNA); **9)** Jarvis/Gann II; **10)** Top Income Tax Brackets; **11)** MD use of Marijuana; **12)** Competitive Bidding; and **13)** Gambling (Bragg or slot machines in Palm Springs)...

❖ ***Out of the Running for '96*** - "95-5," the so-called school spending limit on administration initiative sponsored by Children's Rights 2000. The plan is to submit this year and qualify for June of 1998...

❖ ***Another Anti-Gambling Group*** - As CALPEEK reported in our May 20th issue, Vegas interests are backing the *Foundation on Gambling Abuse*, with former CHP Comm. Maurice Hanningan as chair. Now there's a ***law enforcement group*** on record in the opposition: *Californians Against Unlimited Gambling*. It's basically the old Prop. 172 coalition, with Orange Co. Sheriff Brad Gates as chair. Other coalition members include AG Dan Lungren, former CA Gov. George Deukmejian, the CA Sheriffs, the CDAA, the CA Police Chiefs. Orange Co.-based Forde & Mollrich are the campaign consultants (should Bragg's gambling initiative qualify)...

❖ ***CCRI Update*** - In case you missed it, former CA Gov. George Deukmejian(R), who is a co-chair of Bob Dole's CA presidential campaign, is urging the soon-to-be ex senator to "steer clear" of CCRI --- because it should not be a partisan issue. Ditto from sr. Dole advisor Ken Khachigian, who has just assumed command of Dole's Calif. operation. FYI: Former Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell, wasn't as diplomatic about CCRI. Powell opposes this initiative and says it's *misguided & deceptive*. Stay tuned...

L.A. DA's RACE: MORE BAD NEWS FOR GARCETTI. LYNCH FINALLY HIRES A CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

Editor's note: The bad news just doesn't seem to stop for embattled L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti, who faces Deputy DA John Lynch in the fall. Here's our update & analysis...

...Add ex-Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss to the list of high profile cases hanging around Garcetti's neck. Fleiss's pandering conviction was recently tossed out on appeal because of jury misconduct. When the jury vote-swapping story first broke, Garcetti's office should have filed for a mistrial right then. They didn't, so the it now goes with Snoop Doggy Dog, Menendez I and Simpson...

...And speaking of the O.J. Simpson murder case, former Manson Family prosecutor Vince Bugliosi has written an article in the July issue of Playboy that rips apart the entire prosecution in the double murder case.

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The 1st paragraph reads: *The prosecution of O.J. Simpson was the most incompetent criminal prosecution I have ever seen, by far. There have undoubtedly been worse. It's just that I'm not aware of any.* This Playboy article is ***must reading***. FYI: speaking of Bugliosi, our sources think he will endorse John Lynch for DA...

...Of course, Garcetti can't escape the nightly pounding he and his team get on CNBC's Rivera Live, where Geraldo reads deposition transcripts from the civil trial against Simpson. But locally, Garcetti is now embroiled in a brouhaha with one of his top deputies, David Conn, the prosecutor who won Menendez II and saved Garcetti's hide. Conn went public, telling the L.A. Times he was pissed because Garcetti passed him over for promotion. While Garcetti's explanation seems limp, Conn comes off as a *crybaby*...

...Now to Lynch. After much delay (wasted time), Lynch has hired consultant Rick Taylor. Taylor is already up to speed on the DA's race because he ran Harold Greenberg's effort in March. Greenberg finished a respectable 4th with 15% (160,721 votes). Taylor's immediate job is to get Lynch in front of the voters via the news media, because voters really don't know much at all about him. Stay tuned...

CRP TREASURER STEEL TO ADDRESS LINCOLN CLUB

CA Republican Party Treasurer Shawn Steel will address members of the West L.A. Lincoln Club, 6:30 p.m., June 11, Regency Club, West L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎ Sarah Kane (818)345-2310...

L.A. CITY ATTY. HAHN AT PUBLIC POLICY SERIES.

L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn will address political insiders at the Public Policy Series breakfast, 8 a.m., June 12, City Club, 333 S. Grand Ave., 54th Floor, L.A. $40 in advance/$50 at the door. For info & RSVPs ☎(213)617-4074...

L.A. COUNCILMAN BERNSON ADDRESSES FORUM.

L.A. Councilman Hal Bernson will discuss earthquake preparedness when he addresses the L.A. Current Affairs Forum, 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, June 17, Hyatt Regency Hotel, L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎Emma Schafer (213)627-7427...

CAMPAIGN '96: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's another update U.S. House contests here in Calif...

☒ ***Vote on Minimum Wage*** - The May 23rd vote on the minimum wage (labor bill) provides an interesting view of how important this issue may be in Calif. Of the six(6) GOP House members who voted **for** the bill, three are top Demo targets: Bilbray, Horn & Riggs...

☒ **1st CD** - Demo nominee Michela Alioto has released results of her new survey by Fairbank Maslin Maullin, taken May 29 - June 2, of 500 likely voters, 4.5% margin of error. It shows incumbent U.S. Rep. Frank Riggs(R) with 40% & Alioto at 38% --- that's within the margin, so the race is *dead even*. When the *push questions* are tossed in, Alioto jumps to 47% vs. 36% for Riggs. FYI: President Bill Clinton(D) leads GOPer Bob Dole by a 48% to 27% margin in this 1st CD poll...

☒ **3rd CD** - Demo U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio's GOP challenger Tim LeFever has put the finishing touches to his campaign team. Lead consultant is Wayne Johnson; fundraising consultant is Anne LeGassick; and polling will be handled by Fabrizio & McLaughlin Assoc. of Alexandria, VA --- Dole's pollster...

☒ **22nd CD** - In case you missed the news, Demo candidate Walter Capps, 62, was seriously injured in an auto accident a few weeks ago. He's doing much better now. Capps is once again challenging U.S. Rep. Andrea Seastrand(R-San Luis Obispo), who defeated Capps in '92 by a slim 1,600 votes. The accident happened as Capps and his wife were driving back from a campaign appearance where he blasted Seastrand for voting against the minimum wage bill. Stay tuned...

UC DAVIS CAMPAIGN INSTITUTE SET FOR JULY 19.

The 12th annual Political Campaign Management Institute will again be offered by UC Davis/Extension, July 19 - 21. Instructors include consultants Allan Hoffenblum, Ray McNally and Larry Sheingold. Cost is $495. For info ☎(800)752-0881...

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CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: HOT POLITICAL CASES.
Editor's note: There's enough legal action concerning politics to warrant this new column. Here's a quick update on some current actions...

■ ***Koh Not Guilty*** - Hyundai Motors America controller Paul Koh was recently acquitted of conspiring to give thousands of illegal corporate dollars to the '92 campaign of U.S. Rep. Jay Kim(R-Diamond Bar). The Federal jury just didn't buy Asst. U.S. Atty. Edward Moreton Jr.'s theory that Koh was the mastermind behind this plot. Hyundai, Korean Airlines, Samsung and Daewoo have all been convicted and fined for making illegal contributions to Kim's '92 campaign...

■ ***The Baugh Case*** - Assemblyman Scott Baugh(R-Huntington Beach) is still set for trial on Aug. 26th, charged with 4 felony and 18 misdemeanor campaign reporting violations. But our sources in Orange Co. say it's possible all the legal motions now being argued by Baugh's attorney, Allan Stokke, could cause a delay. Stokke was in court May 31st with several motions to suppress evidence collected during the early stages of the probe. Some of the evidence was collected at Baugh's home --- with a search warrant. CALPEEK sources say judges are very *reluctant* to toss out evidence collected with a search warrant. Dep. DAs Guy Ormes and John Anderson are due back in court with defense attorneys on June 7th for a status conference with Judge James L. Smith...

■ ***Still Waiting on Fuhrman Ruling*** - Still no word from AG Dan Lungren(R) as to when his office will decide whether to prosecute former LAPD detective Mark Fuhrman for perjury. Lungren told KABC Radio host Michael Jackson a decision would be announced soon. Let's do it, Dan...

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NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● Sad news: S.F. Chronicle columnist Herb Caen has told his readers he has inoperable lung cancer. He'l continue writing his column as long as possible...

● Feminist Tammy Bruce and Denise Brown have launched Women's Progress Alliance - an L.A. based group that will focus on domestic violence, women's health and other issues. Janice Rocco takes over as president of NOW/L.A. from Bruce...

● Jerry McKenna, the vp/gm of KSFM radio in Sacto, has been elected president of the CA Broadcasters Assn.(CBA). He'll take office in July...

● Kathy Fairbanks of Stoorza, Ziegaus & Metzger's Sacto office has been promoted to AE...

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